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By Representatives Darneille, Pflug, Moeller, Cody, Romero, Wood and Upthegrove; by request of Department of Health

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1 AN ACT Relating to the human immunodeficiency virus insurance  
2 program; adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW; repealing RCW  
3 74.09.757; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09.757 (Acquired human  
6 immunodeficiency syndrome insurance program (HIV/AIDS)) and 1993 c 264  
7 s 1 & 1989 c 260 s 3 are each repealed.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW  
9 to read as follows:

10 (1) "Human immunodeficiency virus insurance program," as used in  
11 this section, means the program that provides health insurance coverage  
12 for individuals with human immunodeficiency virus, as defined in RCW  
13 70.24.017(7), who meet eligibility requirements established by the  
14 department of health.

15 (2) The department of health may pay for health insurance coverage  
16 on behalf of persons with human immunodeficiency virus, who meet  
17 department eligibility requirements, and who are eligible for

1 "continuation coverage" as provided by the federal consolidated omnibus  
2 budget reconciliation act of 1985, group health insurance policies, or  
3 individual policies.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
5 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
6 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
7 July 1, 2003.

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